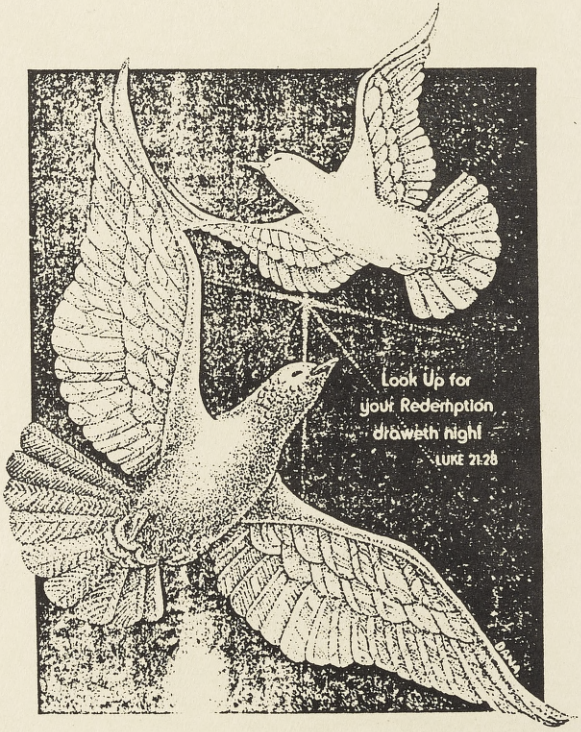
In
Loving Memory
of

Mae Cooper Lee

Monday, July 31, 1989 - 10:00 o'clock A.M.
West Angeles Church of God in Christ
3045 Crenshaw Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

Pastor Joe C. Brewster, Officiating


Look Up for
your Redemption
draweth nigh
LUKE 21:28

Mae Lee

July 2, 1913 - July 21, 1989

"The righteous man perishes, and no man takes it to heart;
And devout men are taken away, while no one understands.
For the righteous man is taken away from evil,
He enters into peace;
They rest in their beds,
Each one who walked in his upright way."

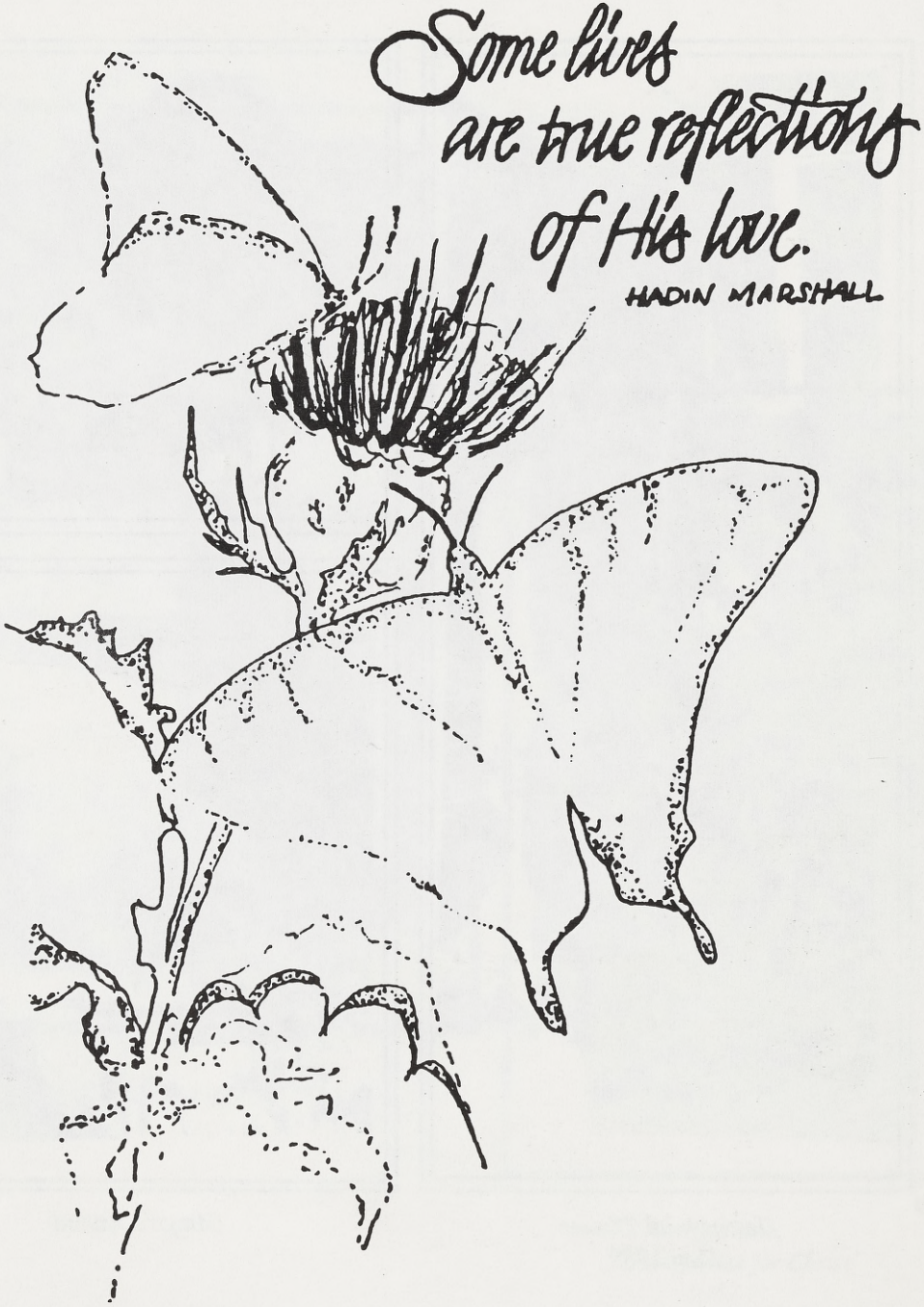
-Isaiah 57:1-2

District Missionary, 1978

Sponsor,
'Debutantes for Christ'
1987

Testimonial Dinner
May 1989

Mayor's Award


Some lives
are true reflections
of His love.
HADIN MARSHALL

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

Master of Ceremonies — Elder William Stamps

Prayer

Elder John T. Lee

Scripture

Deacon Alton Ballard

"Jesus, You're the Center of My Joy" — Choir

Resolutions:

State Women's Department

Emmanuel Region — Mrs. Helen Davis

Mount Olive District — Mrs. Marilyn Sterling

Revival Center Triedstone Church — Mrs. Mary Mayfield-Smith

"I'll Be a Witness" — Choir

Citations:

Lionel Lewis
L. A. County Juvenile Hall

Diane E. Watson, California Senator
Twenty-eighth Senatorial District

"To God Be the Glory" — Ms. Lovette Osborne

Remarks:

Dr. Dorothy Exume
Dr. Joseph Mayfield

"I Can See" — Lori Elliston
Pianist, Mrs. Dora Vernelle Ballard

Tribute

Ms. Nancy Wright

"We Shall Behold Him" Lori Elliston

Remarks:

Mother Gertie Houston
Metropolitan Jurisdiction

Mother Barbara Lewis
First Jurisdiction

Bishop Charles Blake
Jurisdictional Bishop, First Jurisdiction

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Mrs. Betty Clark

Tribute from the Family

Elder Hosea Lee

"Because He Lives" Ms. Alice Kelly.

Acknowledgments

Mrs. Hannah Woods

"Oh It is Jesus" Mmes. Alice Kelly, Nancy Wright, Carolyn King

Obituary

Mrs. Shirley Danzy

Eulogy

Supt. Joe C. Brewster

Call to Discipleship

Recessional

"What do you want the Lord to say?" Choir

SPECIAL LADY

by Carvin and Marvin Winans

She was a very special lady
One who really shared
She was a very special woman
who cared about the things
In life that only count
Truly, can't you see
She was a very special lady to me.

She was a very special lady
One who took out time
She would always leave her problems behind
To see that we had everything we need.

Granny, can't you see
You were a very special lady to me.

And when she smiled you felt the sun
Rose on your shoulder
She would fan a flame of love
When life grew colder
Even though sometimes she'd scold you
She would come to console you;

Let her epitaph read
For all the world to see
She was a very special lady to me.

She was a very special lady
One to let us to know
That true holiness was the only way to go
To live right so that we could gain eternal
Life; indeed can't you see
She was a very special lady to me--
Gonna miss you, Granny.

Dedicated to the memory of 'Mama Mae'
from the Grandchildren

Obituary

Mae Cooper Lee was born in Pittsburg, Texas, July 2, 1913, the oldest daughter of the seven children of Willie and Addie Cooper. She was graduated from Douglas High School in Pittsburg, and received her elementary teaching credential from Texas College, Tyler, Texas. In Tyler, she married Arthur Lee, and there three of their six children were born--Ouida Faye, Shirley Jean, and Dolores Elizabeth.

During the early forties, the Lees moved to Fort Worth, where Joyce Yvonne, Arthur Jr., and Ronnie were born. Sister Lee received her evangelist missionary license in Fort Worth, Texas, under the late State Women's Supervisor, Mother Bertha M. Polk.

In 1955, Mae Lee migrated to Los Angeles. California, where she soon became a home investigator for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services, a position from which she retired in 1980. While a member of the Greater New Canaan Church of God in Christ, under the pastorage of the late Bishop E. M. Wilson, Sister Lee was appointed District Missionary of the Mount Olive District. An energetic and fast-paced lady who loved God and people, she worked feverishly at every task she embraced: In addition to serving in numeous positions at her local church--finance committee chairperson, building fund committee chairperson, Pastor's Aide chair, Prayer and Bible Band leader--she established a street witnessing ministry, and in 1974, established the Cora A. Berry Scholarship Fund, which gives financial assistance to beginning and continuing college students in the Church of God in Christ.

Sister Lee was not only a worker, but also a giver--of herself, her possessions, and her love for God. When a former colleague was asked whether he remembered Mrs. Lee, he replied, "Oh, yes. She's the lady who always passed out the tracts." In her more than fifty-year committment to Christ, she accepted the challenge to "pass out the tracts," to "be a witness," to "make disciples."

At Mount Olive, her local church, Mother Lee organized a community outreach which serves free meals to the hungry, donates clothing, blankets, and other household goods to those in need, and provides toys for tots during the Christmas season. She often took public transportation to various areas of the city to minister to the needs of the elderly and the disabled--performing such tasks as bathing patients, cooking, and cleaning.

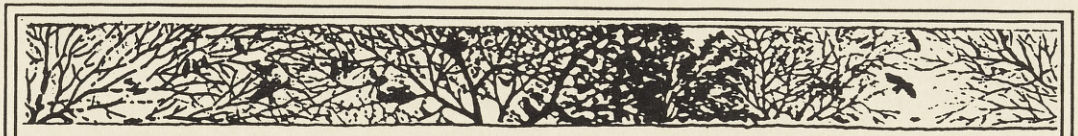
On May 6, 1969, A Testimonial Dinner honored Mae Cooper Lee to celebrate her appointment as Assistant State Supervisor, Department of Women, Southern California, First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. In addition to Assistant State Supervisor, she served as regional missionary to the Emmanuel Region, and member of the Executive Board of the Women's Department.

Until her death, Sister Lee continued to reach out to others, epitomizing the words of Proverbs 31: 29, 31: "Many daughters have done nobly, but you excel them all; ...Let her works praise her in the gates."

She leaves, to celebrate her homegoing, her husband, her children--Faye, Shirley, Dee Dee, Joyce, Arthur, and Ronnie; four sons-in-law; one daughter-in-law; fifteen grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; twenty-three nieces and nephews; two sisters, Beatrice Johnson and Arnetta Trailer; one brother, Willie Cooper, Jr.; one "adopted" daughter, Cherry Minor; many other relatives and friends; and a "multitude" of "California sons and daughters."

'Good night, Sweet Prince[ss];
And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest!'

-from ***Hamlet***
Act v, Scene II



BARTER

Sara Teasdale

LIFE has loveliness to sell--
All beautiful and splendid things,
Blue waves whitened on a cliff,
Climbing fire that sways and sings,
And childrens faces looking up
Holding wonder like a cup.

Life has loveliness to sell--
Music like a curve of gold,
Scent of pine trees in the rain,
Eyes that love you, arms that hold,
And for your spirit's still delight,
Holy thoughts that star the night.

Spend all you have for loveliness,
Buy it and never count the cost,
For the one white singing hour of peace
Count many a year of strife well lost,
And for a breath of ecstasy,
Give all you have been or could be.

IF I CAN STOP ONE HEART FROM BREAKING

Emily Dickinson

If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Arthur M. Mitchell II

Jeffrey K. Lashley

E. Stanley Mitchell

William Monty Boyd

Alvin L. LaMothe, Jr.

Marvin Boyd

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Richard Carroll, Jr.

Dwayne Carroll

P. Malik Lee

Christopher P. LaMothe

INTERMENT

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

6300 Forest Lawn Drive

Los Angeles, California